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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

NANOCLAY-CONTAINING COMPOSITES AND METHODS OF MAKING THEM

the application of which


- ☐ is attached hereto.
☐ was filed as United States Patent Application Serial No. _____ on _____
☒ was filed as PCT international Application No. **PCT/US2004/032650** and has now entered the US National Stage as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/595,282** (Confirmation No. 6688)

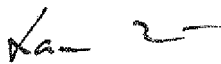
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 or §120, as applicable, of any United States application(s) listed below.

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (Pending, Issued, Abandoned)
60/509,679	Oct. 8, 2003	Expired
60/538,534	Jan. 22, 2004	Expired
60/539,250	Jan. 26, 2004	Expired

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, C.F.R. 1.56(a), including material information between the filing date of any prior application listed above and the date of this application which is relevant to any new subject matter in this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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